Remarks

The drawings were objected to for not showing every feature specified in the claims. Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,281,985 to Chan ("Chan").

By virtue of this amendment, Applicants have amended Fig. 1 of the drawings. Applicants have also have amended claim 1 and have canceled claims 3, 4, 8, and 9 without prejudice.

Claims 1, 2, and 5-7 are currently pending. Reconsideration of the application as amended and in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

A. Objection to the drawings:

The drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) for not showing every feature specified in the claims. Specifically, the office action refers to the features "the projector mounted to the roof" (claim 4), "the projection housing being supported in a foldable manner" (claim 8) and "the projector connected to the projection surface" (claim 9) as not being shown in the drawings.

Applicants have canceled claims 4, 8, and 9. Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite that the projector is secured "in a foldable manner to a rear shelf of the vehicle."

Applicants have amended Fig. 1 and submit an amended Fig. 1 as a replacement page attached to this paper. Amended Fig. 1 includes dashed lines showing that projector 10 is secured in a foldable manner to rear shelf 8 of vehicle 1. Support for the changes to claim 1 and to Fig. 1 is found in the specification, for example, at paragraph [0012].

Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is therefore respectfully submitted.

B. Rejections to claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b):

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,281,985 to Chan.

Chan describes a video viewing system for a vehicle having a battery, which powers a video and audio generating source.

Applicants have amended claim 1 and have canceled claims 3, 4, 8, and 9. Claim 1, as amended recites a device for projecting image data in a motor vehicle that includes the feature of

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"a projector secured in a foldable manner to a rear shelf of the vehicle behind the passengers watching the projection."

Applicants respectfully submit that Chan fails to describe this feature. While Chan shows several alternative positions for mounting projector 16, the projector is neither shown nor described as secured in a foldable manner to a rear shelf of the vehicle. See, for example Figs. 4c and 6a and the text at column 6, lines 3-8 and column 7, lines 6-15, in which the projector 16 is described as being "mounted to the inside of the rear windshield 62 by a suction cup and swivel head fastener 64."

Thus, Chan does not describe or suggest the advantageous device as recited in claim 1, which allows the projector to be folded, (for example out of the field of view of the driver) when not in use. On the contrary, Chan describes a completely different system to be used only when the vehicle is parked. It therefore does not even address the problem of the driver's field of view to the exterior of the vehicle and thus does not provide any suggestion for a solution to a problem of this sort.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that feature of claim 6, namely "loudspeaker devices, together with the projector, are integrated in a shared housing" is also not described in Chan. The text at column 9, lines 46-49, referred to in the office action as providing a description of this feature, merely describes an "audio means being operatively connected to said power means." As shown, for example in Fig. 3 of Chan, this language merely describes that the projector and audio means are both electrically connected to "inverter 24" and thus share the same power source. It does not provide any teaching for the feature of the loudspeakers and the projector being integrated in a shared housing.

Withdrawal of the rejections to independent claim 1 and to dependent claims 2 and 5-7 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) is therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the presently pending claims 1, 2, and 5-7 are in condition for allowance.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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